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### AF/A3O-AT Mission and Capabilities

- Mission: Establish policy for management, production, distribution & training of officer & enlisted aircrew
- Programs and oversee execution of the USAF flying hour program and aviation resource management
- USAF exec agent for OSD-directed Training Transformation (T2)
- Provide oversight of USAF/Joint exercise programs
- Lead agency for USAF Distributed Mission Operations (DMO)
  - Define/consolidate the Warfighter readiness training requirements & simulator policy



#### AF/A3O-AT DMO – An Ops Perspective

#### What it is:

- A readiness initiative networking flight and mission trainers (virtual simulators) to enable training/mission rehearsal at the individual/team/large force training levels
- Integrated into all USAF warfighter training way-aheads...CAF, MAF, SOF, & SPACE to include ANG and AFRC units
- Two-levels of training desired:
  - Large-team, large force virtual events such as Virtual Flag and Warfighter Focused Events (WFEs) conducted via the DMOC
  - Individual and small-team training (upgrade and initial qual events) done locally or via a link through the DMO Network and the ANG's DTOC
    - This is the fastest growing segment of DMO



### Current Status Funding Priority

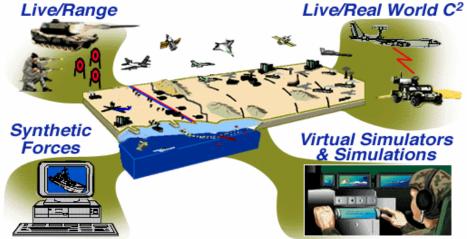
- AF Corporate Structure strategies include DMO
  - Good News: DMO offers some relief to the funding equation for FY10 & beyond
  - Bad News: Force structure adjustments can change faster than DMO beddown strategies can absorb

AF A3/5 goal: Access to high-fidelity simulators for every operational flying unit (DMO-capable)



### Current Status DMO-LVC

DMO-LVC, live-virtual-constructive training has morphed into a stand-alone category for warfighter readiness Live/Range Live/Real World Constructive



- DMO-LVC allows more training options
  - Added realism during range missions and hands-free White Force inputs during training

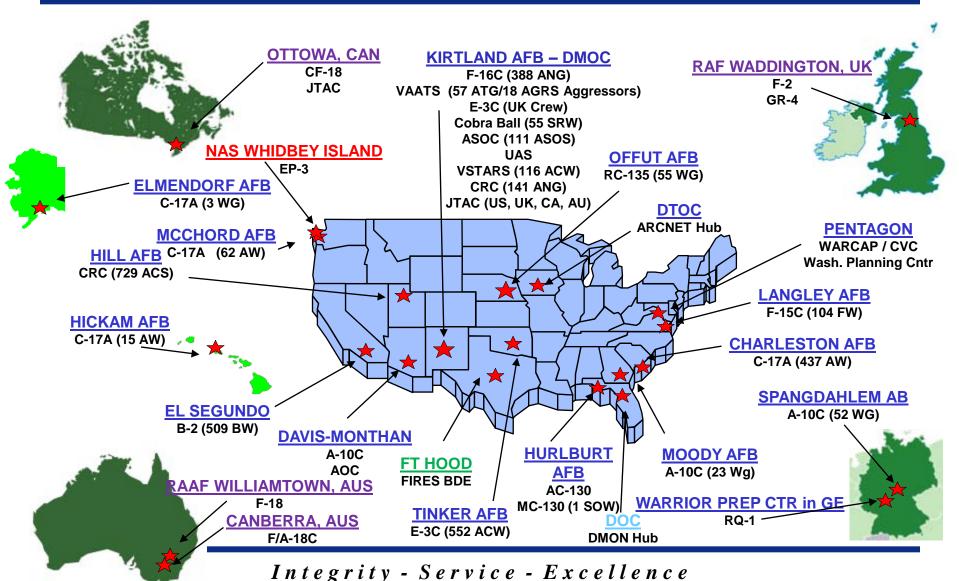


#### DMO Highlights CVF 09-4

- Coalition VIRTUAL FLAG 09-4:
  - First VIRTUAL FLAG that will connect coalition training systems ...<u>A</u>ustralia, <u>B</u>ritain, <u>C</u>anada & <u>A</u>merica (ABCA Nations)
    - 16-25 Sep 2009
    - Networked via the JTEN to the DMOC
    - Coalition CAOC at Davis Monthan AFB
    - All four nations will use JTAC facility @ DMOC to control CAS missions
    - RAF AWACS crew operating from E-3 consoles at the DMOC



#### CVF 09-4 Players 16-25 Sep 2009





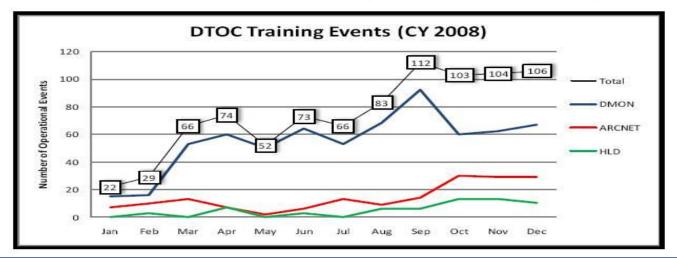
### DMO Highlights CVF 09-4 Cont.

- Challenges: CVF 09-4 will establish several precedents for future coalition connectivity
  - Network security approvals, weapon system data disclosure ROEs, connectivity, ITAR Exemptions....but, several hurdles still to jump prior to STARTEX



### DMO Highlights DTOC

- ARC: Five-fold increase in small team & networked readiness training via the ANG's Distributed Training Operations Center (DTOC)
  - Flexible scheduling and on-site White Force cadre satisfies C2ISR, JTAC, and individual pilot readiness and upgrade training reqs





## DMO Highlights Project Alpine III

- USAFWC: "Project Alpine III" underway to insert synthetic threats, targets, information via a modified OFP into a 422 TES F-15E
  - Modifying a jet's OFP viewed as the necessary step to achieve true LVC
  - Way-ahead calls for LVC entities to feed F-22s/F-35s with air and ground threats & targets

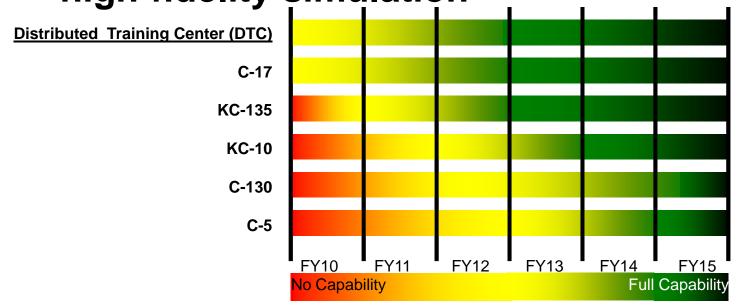




#### DMO Highlights MAF

- MAF presents the best BCA for DMO
  - Savings in FHs and energy, with realistic training scenarios

Cleanest example of replacing live-fly with high-fidelity simulation





#### DMO Way-Ahead

- DMO-LVC development will be critical for 5<sup>th</sup> Generation training, integrating IW, SPACE, and CYBER into DMO, and for range integration
- The potentially huge price tag for DMO-LVC mandates that we pursue only those efforts with the best ROI, or those efforts offering readiness training unavailable via other methods
- Security issues/foreign disclosure issues will remain major challenges to expanding DMO beyond AF blue-suit connections



#### **USAF DMO**

#### **QUESTIONS?**